

Altering God's Image

by A.W. Tozer

Tozer argues that superstition arises from an inaccurate understanding of God's character, leading to fears and practices that are not grounded in reality.

Scripture: Psalm 119:160, Isaiah 55:8-9, Malachi 3:6, Hebrews 13:8, James 1:17

Topics: "Understanding God's Character", "Overcoming Superstition"

Description

A.W. Tozer addresses the dangers of altering God's image, emphasizing that misconceptions about God's character lead to superstition and fear. He argues that viewing God as whimsical and unpredictable fosters irrational beliefs and practices, such as fears surrounding black cats and omens. Tozer highlights that these superstitions stem from a distorted understanding of God, who is not a playful trickster but a sovereign being. The sermon calls for a deeper knowledge of God's true nature to combat these unfounded fears and superstitions.

Transcript

. . . at the root of all superstition is an inaccurate and unworthy conception of the character of God. To be more explicit, men believe God to be whimsical, and consequently expect Him to be impulsive and unpredictable in His dealings with mankind. Out of this notion comes a score of superstitious fancies that have gotten themselves accepted through the years. Various fears originate here.

Fear of black cats, omens, signs and magic numbers results from the ignoble idea that God is a kind of playful Puck who delights in practical jokes and Halloween tricks.

The only defense against this is to know some word or sign that will protect the victim from the celestial prankster, hence the thousand and one marriage customs, funeral usages, and practices touching birth, death, travel, food, clothing, sleep, planting, harvesting, illness and almost every other phase of our life on earth.

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